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SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM FOR EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the multiple Government agencies both at Central and State levels add to more of paper work and consignment delays and harassment of exporters of various items/commodities including seafood;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives to simplify and streamline the procedure and system at various levels by introducing single window system for all the export items uniformally all over the State to boost up exports; and

(c) the details of the representations/suggestions received in this regard and the action taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) With the liberalisation of the economy, Government has consciously moved towards de-control and de-centralisation of Export and Import regime, simplification of procedures and towards reducing avoidable interface between the exporters and various Government agencies. These steps have resulted in reducing delays and harassment, if any, caused to exporters in the process of exporting various commodities, including Seafood.

(b) & (c) Since different Central & State agencies provide different services, it is not possible to introduce a Single Window System for all export items. However, Government has formulated various measures towards steamlining procedures. These include provision for electronic filing of applications time schedules for considering licence applications, substantial delegation of powers and rationalisation of export promotion schemes. All these steps have been reflected in the amendments to the Exim Policy and Procedures announced on 31.03.2000. This Policy was formulated after due consultations with the representatives of exporters and after considering various suggestions given by them.